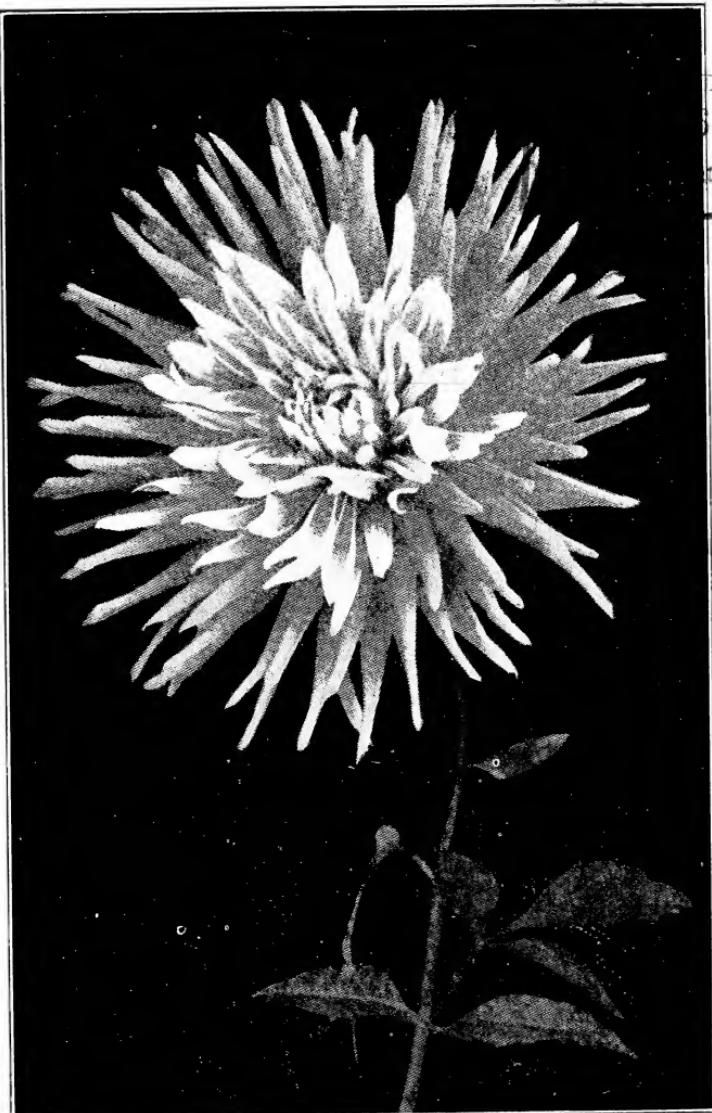


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MARGUERITE BOUCHON (CACTUS)

BYRON PATTERSON  
LAKE AVENUE WOODBURY HEIGHTS  
NEW JERSEY



# Dahlia Culture

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PLANTING time depends upon locality. Nearly every amateur plants too early. In the latitude of Philadelphia they should not be planted before May 15th, and we prefer June 1st. They may be planted with positive success until June 15th. When planted too early they attain their full growth in mid-season and the hot, dry weather checks further development. They become toughened or woody and it is impossible to obtain even fair flowers. The plants must be kept continually growing, and this can only be accomplished by late planting.

Light, sandy soils produce the best flowers. If your soil is heavy, lighten it with sifted coal ashes or sand to the depth of at least one foot.

The soil should not be too rich at planting time, but after the first buds show then feed the plants by working plenty of good fertilizer into the soil. At all times keep the soil well cultivated; never allow the surface to crust.

Do not water except in extreme drought, and when you do water, water well.

Select a sunny location. Never plant the tubers in a vertical position, but almost horizontally, having the sprout end slightly elevated. Plant them four or five inches deep and allow but one stalk (very seldom two) to grow. When the plants are about six inches high and have three or four sets of leaves, pinch out the tops and the plants will become quite bushy. Best results are obtained by planting about three feet apart.

Plant the tubers as soon as possible after you receive them.

## **Dahlias of the Better Kind**

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The dahlias we list this year are the very finest in the world today, varieties which will be masterpieces for years to come.

In making this selection, we have grown and discarded the poorest varieties and have retained only the very best.

All the varieties we offer produce immense exhibition flowers from five to ten inches and more in diameter. Also for the cut flower market having long stems.

All our stock is perfectly healthy; no diseased nor stunted plants, and all field grown. This we guarantee.

We also guarantee every tuber to be absolutely true to name and description and will gladly refund the amount paid should any tuber prove otherwise.

Orders are filled in the rotation received. No substitution for varieties sold out.

Shipments made from May 15th to June 1st, unless otherwise requested.

Terms of sale: Cash, money order, check, etc., etc., with order.

We prepay shipping charges.

BYRON PATTERSON, SR.,

Lake Avenue, Woodbury Heights, New Jersey

Member American Dahlia Society

## **Paeony**

This class is sometimes called the "Art Dahlia," the flowers being composed of several rows of broad, gracefully curled and twisted petals, showing a centre around which are usually arranged small, incurved petals. The whole arrangement of the flower is that of gracefulness.

### **Leo XIII (P)—**

Clear, deep yellow. Good-sized blooms. A splendid dahlia. Tubers, each ..... 75c.

### **Geisha—**

An Oriental sunset. The peculiarly broad, twisted petals with the shades and blends of crimson and gold make this the most sensational dahlia grown. It is probably the most widely known of the paeony dahlias. Created by H. Hornsveld and introduced in 1908 ..... 75c.

### **Fantastique (Orchid Paeony)—**

This introduces a new type of dahlia of an odd and fantastic shape. The flower is semi-double with irregular cup-shaped florets, curled and twisted in a manner that gives the appearance of a variety of orchid. Its color is a deep wine crimson tipped and bordered with glistening white, and it is borne erect on a long, graceful stem. Recommended for Certificate of Merit (highest award), American Dahlia Society, New York, September, 1917 ..... \$1.00

### **Lady Alla (Paeony)—**

Color is a bright scarlet. Long, strong stems carrying flower well above foliage. Large flower and a good keeper. Fragrant and more fragrant as a cut flower than on the bush. Always attracts great attention at my gardens, and is one of Mr. Mastick's best ..... 75c.

### **George H. Mastick (Hybrid Paeony)—**

Large flowers of many wavy petals, full to centre on strong stems. Color is blackish maroon with currant tips to outer rows of petals. As flower ages it shows a yellow disc around centre and changes color to a deep crimson. Remarkably free bloomer and beautiful at all stages. This dahlia received Certificate of Merit at the trial grounds of the American Dahlia Society, 1919, at Storrs, Conn. ..... \$1.00

### **Polar Star (English Paeony)—**

The purest white dahlia. Very free and early bloomer. Good stem and fine for cut flowers ..... \$1.00

**Sweetheart's Bouquet—**

Quite Mr. Wilmore's best introduction; a lovely old rose carried  
on splendid stems ..... \$2.00

**The Billimaire—**

Another large paeony dahlia of a golden orange color, very  
curly. It is produced on a low growth plant. Price..... \$2.50

**Latona (P)—**

Light, creamy yellow with tinge of amber. Erect stems. Tubers,  
each ..... \$1.00

**Claremont (P)—**

A Carl Salbach introduction. A huge bloom that has been  
much admired in our garden. The color is a soft peach pink,  
with amber suffusion. Tubers, each ..... \$1.50

**Paeony-flowered Type**

**The U. S. A.—**

One of the finest dahlias in color, formation and size ever  
offered; a glorious hybrid-cactus paeony of a new, distinct shade  
of deep, bronzy orange. Blooms offer nine to ten inches across  
and also very freely produced ..... \$3.00

**Mary C. Burns—**

A wonderful color; the outside of the petals are old gold and  
the reverse a dull red; a very attractive dahlia in the garden  
and an excellent exhibition variety ..... \$3.50

**Caroline Brock—**

Pf. bittersweet pink, shading to orange pink, etc; large flowers  
on good stems, free flowering, size of flower,  $\frac{7}{8}$  in. Price, \$5.00

**Roem Van Nijkerk (Colossal Paeony)—**

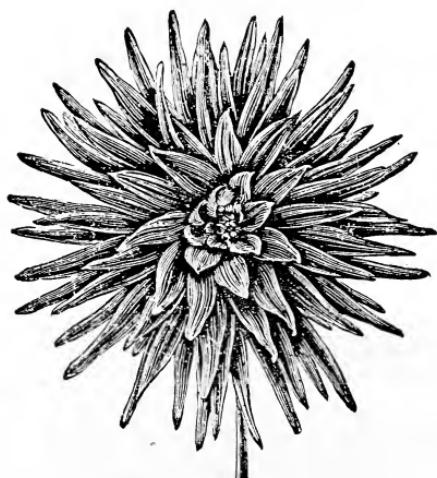
A remarkably handsome variety that will not suffer by comparison with many of the finest varieties. The flowers are uniformly large and very compact. Color, rich violet purple.  
Price ..... \$1.00

**Mrs. Harry Fee (C)—**

Amaranth pink, center pale amaranth pink, etc; a fine variety with good stems that hold the flowers well up; size of flowers 5/6-in.; depth, 2½-in.; early and free flowering. Price, \$1.50

**Lavendera (P) (Rare Novelty Burbank)—**

One of the finest in cultivation. Color is lavender pink shaded lighter towards the center. Extra large flowers on good stems.  
Price ..... \$1.50



**CACTUS**



**DECORATIVE**

## **Cactus**

We offer the cream from the English originators. The petals of this variety are very long and narrow, usually quilled and incurving.

The flowers frequently measure over eight inches in diameter and have great depth.

### **Marguerite Bouchon—**

This is the most beautiful pink and white cactus dahlia ever introduced. Absolutely perfect in form; large flowers of a brilliant, deep rose, with a large, white centre and distinctly defined white tips. A wonderful and unsurpassed exhibition variety. Each ..... 75c.

### **F. W. Fellowes—**

Brilliant orange scarlet; petals long and straight; one of the largest in existence ..... \$1.00

### **Pierrot—**

An immense flower of deep amber, each petal tipped white, 50c.

## **Hybrid Cactus**

Although the colossal flowers are composed of many long, broad and sometimes curled petals, they are not at all coarse. The following varieties are masterpieces of the highest development of this type.

**World's Wonder (D)—**

Color, golden salmon. Large full flower with almost a never disappearing center. The stems are long and stiff. Profuse bloomer ..... \$2.00

**William Slocombe (D)—**

Large flower, well-formed, of a beautiful shade of canary yellow shading to deep yellow towards the center. An exceptionally fine flower carried on a long stem well above the foliage ..... \$2.00

**Osham Shudow—**

A monstrous flower with heavy, loose petals of a delightful old-rose, tinted with lilac and shading to yellow in center. Strong grower and free bloomer with long, thick and heavy flower stems. No dahlia to compare with it in form. Each, \$3.50

**Golden West (California Hybrid Cactus)—**

A wonderful California dahlia, free blooming on strong, long stem. Color a golden yellow ..... 50c.

**Border King (English Cactus)—**

Scarlet, with long, twisting florets. Fine exhibition flower and one of the earliest to bloom. Very free flowering on strong, erect stems. One of the best ..... \$1.00

**Wodan (Hybrid Cactus)—**

Immense flower on a good stem. Color is salmon rose. A very satisfactory dahlia—quite one of the best ..... 50c.

**Tom Lundy (California Hybrid Cactus)—**

A very large California variety on good stem. Color is deep crimson. Very satisfactory ..... 75c.

**Samaratin or La Purity (Cactus)—**

A new white cactus which has proven to be the best white cactus that we know of. As free a bloomer as the Countess of Lonsdale. Good-sized blooms of the hybrid type, on stiff stems. A dahlia that has been wanted for years. Cut blooms will keep as long as the best of the cut flower sorts ..... 50c.



BYRON PATTERSON  
AND ONE OF HIS BEAUTIES

### Attraction—

Very large, elegant flowers of a clear, lilac-rose color. Flowers frequently measure ten inches in diameter under proper cultivation. It has been awarded first-class certificate wherever shown. The wavy effect produced by the petals is marvelous and must be seen to be appreciated. A true paeony cactus type. Introduced in 1916 ..... 75c.

### Gladys Sherwood—

A new pure white variety that is a real giant among dahlias; flowers 9 inches in diameter, without disbudding. In addition to this it is free flowering and the stems are long, strong and erect. Each ..... \$3.00

### Diana—

Very large, fine shaped flowers on long stems; crimson-violet reflected. Very beautiful and fine for exhibition ..... 50c.

### Kalif—

Pure scarlet flowers of great substance, frequently 9 inches in diameter. The majestic flowers are held high above the foliage on exceptionally strong stems. An exhibition dahlia of rare merit ..... 75c.

### Mrs. Warnaar—

Pure white, suffused with delicate pink. Gigantic flowers on long, stiff stems. A most remarkable flower ..... \$1.00

### Helen Durnbaugh (California Hybrid Cactus)—

Delicate blush, deepening rapidly toward the center to an intense, soft, flowing pink that defies description; blooms medium to large, and to the touch feels like satin. The greatest dahlia introduced in 1918 ..... \$1.50

### New—Mrs. Edna Spencer (California Hybrid Cactus)—

A new introduction. A flower of delicate and exquisite shade of orchid pink. Very beautiful and of good formation and stems. Received Certificate of Merit at the Trial Gardens, San Rafael, California, 1917. A lasting cut flower of unusual color. This is one of the finest of Mrs. Edna Spencer's productions. \$1.50

## **Decorative**

The dahlia of great substance, perfectly double and composed of broad, flat petals. The flowers of all the varieties we list are enormous. The plants are noted for their sturdy growth and the flowers have great lasting qualities when cut.

### **Avalanche—**

The largest and best white dahlia ever produced. Very prolific ..... 50c.

### **Break O' Day—**

Color, clear sulphur yellow, shading to sulphur white at tips. 75c.

### **Admiral Glennon (Hybrid Decorative)—**

While this dahlia is not one of the largest, it is so exquisite, both in form and coloring that it attracts the instant attention of every one who sees it. In color it is a rich, dark garnet, shading to almost black in the centre. The florets are waved and curled, forming a very graceful flower. Its stems are slender but upright and strong enough to bear erect this beautiful dahlia. To see it is to desire it, and no dahlia collection will be complete without it ..... \$1.00

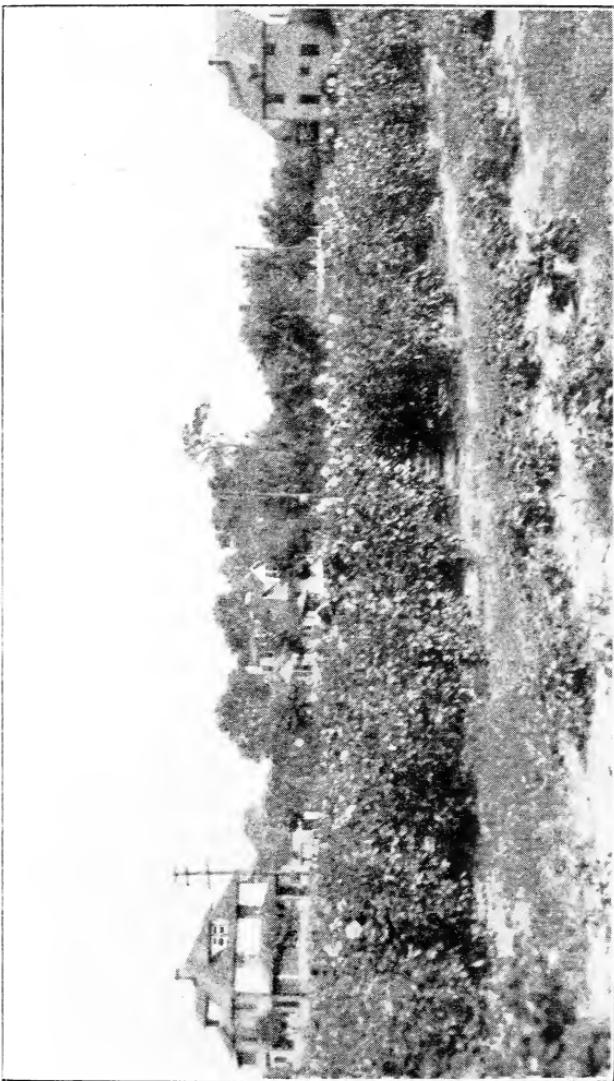
### **Cardinal—**

Immense showy flower of maroon-purple. One of the strongest growing varieties. The flowers are held high above the foliage on very strong stems. Fine for exhibition.

Visitors to our gardens last year were immediately attracted to this wonderful variety ..... 50c.

### **Pink Perfection (Decorative)—**

Large pink flower, often 8 and 9 inches across, with long stem for cutting and good keeper after cut. Price ..... \$1.50



VIEW OF GARDENS

**George Walters (California Decorative)—**

One of the very largest dahlias on long, strong stems. Color is salmon with a golden sheen. This is one of the best dahlias ever originated in California ..... 75c.

**Jane Selby (California Decorative)—**

Large flower of delicate mauve pink, of great depth and substance. Good stem and good as cut flower ..... 75c.

**Pride of California—**

A large, red decorative that cannot be beaten; verl large flowers, held on extra-good stems, very prolific and an exceptionally good keeper. Fine for garden and exhibition. Awarded second prize, C. D. S. Gardens, 1917 ..... 75c.

**Rosa Nell (D)—**

A magnificent extra large bloom, in color a sparkling clear rose; in fact, we have seen no dahlia to compare with it in this color. With us it always attracts attention ..... \$6.00

**Mrs. W. E. Estes (California Hybrid Decorative)—**

A very fine, new, snow-white dahlia of much merit. Broad and long, six-pointed petals, forming a flower of great size. This is easily our best white dahlia to date ..... \$1.50

**Dr. Harry Tevis (California Decorative)—**

A decorative of enormous size. Flowers measure 9 to 11 inches in diameter, held erect on long, stiff stems, a pretty shade of salmon rose, suffused with old gold. A rare novelty .... \$1.00

**Mrs. Carl Salbach (D)—**

A splendid dahlia wherever grown; long, straight stems; flowers bright lavender pink and a profuse bloomer ..... \$2.50

**The Millionaire—**

One of the most popular decoratives; an immense flower in color soft lavender shaded with pink ..... \$2.00

### Glorieux (Decorative)—

Received American Dahlia Society's Certificate of Merit at Storrs, Conn., 1920. Its name indicates its French ancestry. It is a flower of wondrous beauty on long, strong stems. Color is golden yellow, deepening to gamboge bronze in the center, each petal being distinctly tipped white. It is a very free bloomer, and with disbudding will attain a diameter of ten inches. The flower is very full and deep, and is particularly satisfactory as a cut flower. The foliage is as wonderful as the blooms, being an olive green and very dense, forming a graceful bush, the flowers standing well above the same. A dahlia enthusiast, on seeing "Glorieux" growing in my gardens, said: "Mr. Mastick has produced the most glorious dahlia known to date, as to beauty of coloring and size of flower, to say nothing of unsurpassed foliage, and I believe it will be many years before it is equalled." Price ..... \$5.00 Many new introductions are much higher in price than this, but few, if any, of them equal it in beauty, habit and size.

### Hortulanus Fiet—

A colossal flower of suffused tints of apricot, salmon and gold. A grand variety for all purposes; no collection is complete without it. Flowers held erect on strong, stiff stems .... 75c.

### King of the Autumn (The Sunshine Dahlia)—

The crowning success and pride of H. Hornsveld, the greatest dahlia introducer of the world. Like Attraction, it will be in the greatest demand. Conceded by all European growers to be the finest dahlia ever produced. The color is a bright terra cotta suffused with gold ..... 75c.

### Mme. Butterfly (Hybrid Decorative)—

The greatest novelty of the season. Flowers of wonderful grace and color combinations of violet-rose shading darker at tips and blending to a deep golden yellow at base of petals. The long, rather narrow, pointed petals twist, showing a rosy magenta reflex, making it very unique ..... 75c.

### Jhr. Boreel—

Very large, shewy flowers of buff yellow suffused with terra cotta. Excellent for exhibition ..... \$1.00

**Jersey's Pride—**

Is a sturdy, fine grower, and very free bloomer. The immense flowers, in color a beautiful blending of yellow, amber and pink, are borne on long, straight stems well above the foliage, and it has few peers in the vase, in the garden, or in the showroom. This dahlia scored 88 points at Storr's trial grounds. Tubers ..... \$10.00

**Edith Wooster (Decorative)—**

One of the finest garden varieties produced in recent years. The color is a blending of golden yellow and sunset red, which cannot be accurately described, but suggests the tea rose combination. The plant has an upright habit with the flowers on long, erect stems ..... \$2.50

**New—The Grizzly (California Decorative)—**

A dark maroon red decorative; without a doubt this is one of the best and most prolific dahlias to date. Stems 3 feet long; plants grow 3 or 4 feet in diameter, flowers are extra-large and reflexed, which makes it attractive. Awarded prize C. D. S. Trial Garden, 1917. A rare novelty ..... \$2.00

**Insulinde (Holland Decorative)—**

Colossal flowers of a rich, golden orange color. Form of flower everything which could be desired. Admirable for cutting and exhibition. One of the very finest sorts yet produced— \$2.00

**Mahdi—**

A large flower; color, deep maroon, suffused with little yellow. \$1.00

**Oregon Beauty—**

Immense ball-shaped flowers of bright, fiery scarlet ..... 35c.

**Glory of New Haven—**

Large flowers with beautiful, broad twisting petals which make this variety unusually attractive; the flower is a clear lavender, pink distinctly veined deeper lavender, produced on long, stiff stems; an ideal cut flower. Price ..... \$2.00

**Princess Pat (Dec.)—**

In my opinion one of California's best dahlias. Beautiful shade of old rose. Stout stems, and blooms are of excellent size and type. Tubers, each ..... \$2.00

**Dorothy Robbins (Decorative)—**

Large flowers of a real autumn shade. Color ochraceous buff, carrot red in center. A splendid variety in every respect. A clean grower and very free flowering. Received A. D. S. certificate of merit, 1921 ..... \$2.50

**Mrs. Ethel Smith (H. C.)—**

An immense flower that has won the prize for largest bloom in show. Creamy white shading to lemon in center, good in stem and a prolific bloomer ..... \$6.00

**Pink Beauty (H. C.)—**

Here we have a beautiful creation from the celebrated Howard & Smith Nurseries, a long tubular petal flower on splendid stems; in color lavender pink shading lighter at tips.... \$2.50

**Polar Bear (D)—**

An immense prolific white from the same nurseries as above one; good stems and marvelous keeping qualities ..... \$2.50

**La Favorita (Dec., C)—**

A beautiful large orange-colored blossom. The plant has most excellent habits. One of the new Californians. Tubers, each, \$2.00

**Nibelungenhort (C)—**

Somewhat on the decorative type, it having quite broad petals of amber shading to salmon pink. Excellent. Tubers, each, 50c.

**Lady Helen—**

This strikingly beautiful variety is one of the finest in cultivation. The color is a beautiful cerise shade with marking of cream and permanent cream tips. It has an upright stem three feet long and straight, and free-flowering. Description does not do justice to this wonderful dahlia. It must be seen to be appreciated. Price ..... \$3.00

**N. C. 4—**

This is a wonderful new decoratus dahlia. It is very hard to describe it. Its bloom is of lovely scarlet and white with some slightly clouded with yellow and tipped white. Price .... \$5.00

**Azalea—**

A large and beautiful variety. The color is a soft creamy yellow with apricot shades. Good stems and habit ..... 75c.

**Robert McLean (Decorative)—**

Spectrum red red shading to scarlet red, outside petals tipped with buff, etc; resembles I. S. Henderickson in habit of growth and foliage, size of flower 5/6-in., depth 2½-in.; medium stem. Price ..... \$1.00

**Meritorious (Decorative)—**

Inner part of petals lemon yellow shading to scarlet red, tips of petals La France pink, sometimes white, etc; very attractive flowers with unusual shades of color, size of flower, 7-in., depth 2½-in.; slim wiry stems that droop a little. Price ..... \$3.00

**Mrs. F. E. Kerman (Decorative)—**

Rosolane purple, etc; large flower on good stems, size of flower 7/8-in., depth 3-in.; free flowering. Price ..... \$3.50

**Hope Moddle (Decorative)—**

Pretty autumn shade of jasper pink with blending of picric yellow. Price ..... \$1.00

**Mrs. F. W. Scheiff (Decorative)—**

Golden bronze, shaded with orange red ..... \$1.00

**Fine Orchid-flowered Cannas**

**King Humbert—**

The most popular of all cannas, adapted for use in large as well as limited plantations. The darkest foliage of any. The flowers are large, freely produced and of an effective orange-scarlet shade; 4½ feet.

**Wyoming—**

A giant among giants. The great orange-colored flowers, surmounting gigantic, luxurious stalks of unique bronze foliage make this one of the most effective cannas; 6 feet. Roots each ..... 10c



